

FOCAL POINT

Reflecting on great things of 2009

As we start 2010, I thought I would discuss some of the great things that happened in Frisco during 2009. While listing on paper and referencing my calendar, I quickly figured out I could fill an entire magazine!



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYOR MAHER MASO

I enjoy focusing on positive things, but we can't ever forget that 2009 was a very challenging year for our families and our country. Frisco was not immune to economic challenges, and we ended up adjusting our tax rate to the effective rate (the rate that would bring the same amount of revenue as the previous year from the existing properties). This was a difficult decision that involved our residents through public hearings. The City of Frisco also maintained the hiring freeze put into effect in 2008, not to mention, across the board departmental budget reductions. With all that, the City of Frisco still maintains one of the lowest tax rates in North Texas, which is \$0.465.

On the positive side, growth continued. The new, integrated document management system, which includes an on-line video streaming system, went 'live' early in the year. Our residents can now watch our City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission meetings live or via Video-on-Demand (VOD). Also, the video is linked to the meeting minutes. We also welcomed our new City Secretary, Jenny Page.

Another city, public-private partnership resulted in the opening of Fieldhouse USA, which is a state of the art, indoor sport facility. After years of discussions with Donnie Nelson Jr., Donnie and Evan Wiley announced the new NBA Development League will be playing at the Dr Pepper Arena in Frisco. Speaking of the Dr Pepper Arena, it re-opened just in time for the Frisco ISD graduations in May after a \$39.5 million dollar renovation. It promptly booked some high profile events including Bill Cosby, The Harlem Globetrotters and Yo Gabba Gabba. Many more events are planned for 2010 including the Cirque du Soleil - Alegria and the WOGA International Gymnastics meet, where national champions from more than 12 countries will compete. The Kurt Thomas Invitational will also attract gymnasts from around the country and will be held at the Frisco Conference Center next month.

2009 was an exciting year in sports for another reason. Frisco was named as a finalist for the NCAA Division I Football Championship Game at Pizza Hut Park. Our team made a great presentation to the NCAA, and we hosted several of the site selection committee members in Frisco. In February, I will travel with some of our team members to

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Council approves rate increases for water, sewer and trash services

The Frisco City Council has approved rate increases for water, sewer and trash services. Fees for ambulance service, fire permits, HAZMAT 'cleanup' and returned checks will also increase beginning February 1.

On Tuesday, January 19, the Frisco City Council voted unanimously to approve the rate increases as recommended by the Budget and Audit Committee.

All residential water customers will pay \$3 dollars more per month for the basic service and seven cents (\$0.07) more for every thousand gallons used after consuming 2,000 gallons. The base rate for residential sewer customers is also increasing by \$3 dollars more per month and a nickel more for every thousand gallons used after 2,000 gal-

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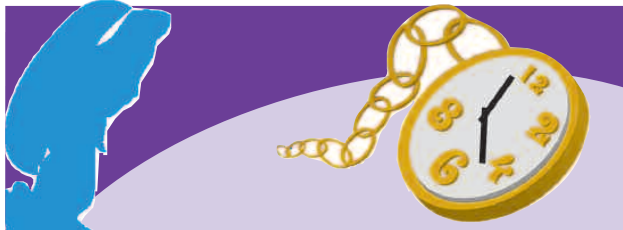
City asking for support to bring NCAA game



The City of Frisco is asking for you help to bring the NCAA Division I Football Championship games to Pizza Hut Park in 2010, 2011, and 2012. NCAA has narrowed the field to two host cities. Frisco is competing against Chattanooga, TN.

Help us score some points with NCAA Committee by pledging your support in a 'Ticket Pledge' campaign. A 'yes' is an expression of interest, only, and not binding.

So please take a minute to participate in the "Ticket Pledge" campaign by Feb. 22. Go online to www.CollegeFootballFrisco.com to pledge you support today!



DON'T BE LATE

for this very important date...



Join Alice, the Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts on February 6 for the

14th Annual DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Sponsored by the City of Frisco Parks & Recreation Department.

This year's theme is 'Alice in Wonderland.'

Read all the curious details about this year's dance on page 8.

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lons. Residents will pay a flat, \$1 dollar more per month for trash services. The commercial rate increases vary for water, sewer and sanitation services.

The base fee for ambulance services will stay the same for residents, but increase for people living outside city limits; however, mileage fees associated with ambulance service will increase \$3 per mile for both residents and visitors.

For more details on various fee increases, go to www.friscotexas.gov and click on "Meetings", then "Agendas" and find the January 19 City Council meeting agenda and minutes. You can also click on <http://sire.friscotexas.gov/sire-pub/pubmtgframe.aspx?meetingid=435&doctype=AGENDA>

RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES

Gallons	Current Rate	New Rate	Increase (per thousand gallons)
Monthly Minimum	\$11.00 (monthly)	\$14.00 (monthly)	\$3.00 (per thousand gallons)
2,000 to 15,000	\$2.69	\$2.76	\$0.07 (per thousand gallons)
15,001 to 25,000	\$3.15	\$3.22	\$0.07 (per thousand gallons)
25,001 plus	\$3.39	\$3.46	\$0.07 (per thousand gallons)

RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES

Gallons	Current Rate	New Rate	Increase
Monthly Minimum	\$11.00 (monthly)	\$14.00 (monthly)	\$3.00
2,000 plus	\$2.50 (per thousand)	\$2.55 (per thousand)	\$0.05

RESIDENTIAL SANITATION RATE

Monthly	Current Rate	New Rate	Increase
Monthly	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$1.00

AMBULANCE FEES:

Mileage	Current Rate	New Rate	Increase
Residents, Visitors	\$7.00 (per mile)	\$10.00 (per mile)	\$3.00

Base Fee	Current Rate	New Rate	Increase
Residents	\$550.00	N/A	None
Visitors	\$635.00	\$700.00	\$65.00

MAYOR

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Indianapolis to make a final presentation to the NCAA, and we should know something by March.

Also, I was personally very excited to help announce the relocation of Sci-Tech Discover Center to Frisco. This has been a long-term goal of mine to be able to meet the needs of our youth. 'Sci-Tech' opened in October with the Grossology exhibit and was an instant success. Joining Sci-Tech in the near future will be the Museum of the American Railroad and a new black-box theater.

In 2009, Council members Joy West and Tony Felker reached term limits and our voters elected two new council members to serve: Pat Fallon

and Bob Allen. 2009 also was an exciting year for mobility. Eldorado Parkway was finally completed and S.H. 121 was fully opened to Custer Road in Frisco. Last year, our new water management system was also put into place.

Public Safety in Frisco continued to excel. I believe our first responders are the best trained in the country! Frisco has its first ever, new Mobil Command Center that helps us manage emergency situations in our community. This command center has been called one of the most advanced command centers ever built due to its high-tech infrastructure and ability to integrate so many different systems. Frisco and Frisco ISD also rolled out the new SAFER system, which is used in concert with the expanded emergency operations center and mobile command center. SAFER, which stands for "Situational Awareness for Emergency Response", provides

advanced video-streaming capabilities that are incorporated into an overall response system. Using SAFER, our first responders are able to view live, streaming video from any of the security cameras located inside Frisco's schools and from more than 200 pan-tilt-zoom traffic monitoring cameras, in the event of emergencies.

We could not do this without the support and approval of our residents. On behalf our council and staff, I want to thank our community for investing in this critical area.

Of course, the operation of our city is always a high priority for your Council. In May of 2009, we appointed a Charter Review Committee made up of residents from throughout Frisco. This committee met on a weekly basis to review our City Charter to make recommendations to the Council. Your City Council is currently reviewing the recommendations and will make the decision whether to call for an election this coming May. I want to thank all the residents who were involved in the process; we could not do this without their help and support. Also, speaking of our residents, I rely on the great brainpower in our community. I appreciate all of you who answer your phone when I call even though you know I will be asking you for something! I created several ad-hoc committees in 2009 to look at some very important issues.

One of those committees is the International City Committee. On some levels, Frisco is already internationally known, given the many corporations here with foreign headquarters

or local companies doing business overseas. We also have a significant international presence in the sports arena with FC Dallas/Pizza Hut Park, Dallas Cup, and World Olympic Gymnastics. Our educational system also focuses on our world. From FUSD and LISD to Collin College, DBU, Amberton University and Dallas University, we have a big focus on the global educational system. With that in mind, I asked many of those stakeholders to study how to take Frisco to the next level. The International City Committee has been meeting for the past year to devise an action plan that includes membership in Sister City International and creating a 501c3 to move forward with expanding our international reach.

Another ad-hoc committee I created is the Frisco Veterans Advisory Committee (FVAC). Led by our citizens who put their lives on the line for our freedoms, they are charged with studying ways to honor our veterans and to also work with Frisco on events such as the Community Parade, Veterans Day and Memorial Day. They are also a sounding board for me when it comes to issues concerning our veterans.

Another important working committee is the Mayor's Complete Count Committee for the upcoming census. The U.S. Census is critical for the City of Frisco as, oftentimes, our grants and public safety response, as well as state and federal representation, are population-based. Frisco is in a unique position of being one of the fastest growing cities in the country,

going from approximately 32,000 in the 2000 Census to our current estimated population of 108,000.

Other committees that helped our city in 2009 include those working on the Frisco Community Parade, the Mayor's 'Relay for Life' team and 'Fusion', which is a multi cultural festival.

Economic Development continues to be a focus area for our city. Despite the recession, our Economic Development Corporation managed many projects throughout the year. The activity level in Frisco finished the year very strong, and I am confident that 2010 will be an even stronger year.

Our CVB experienced a successful year, complimented by the opening of three new hotels. Our public art collection grew, as well. We also held our first "Frisco IS a Treasure" hunt in 2009. The Arts of Collin County is continuing its fundraising drive after making significant progress last year. Frisco Association for the Arts held its very first arts festival at Newman Village. We also began construction on the new parking garage behind Frisco City Hall. As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, I could fill an entire magazine with 2009 accomplishments, so I will just stop here. I know I missed many things that took place, but that is what the future articles are for!

Don't forget, the Town Hall Meeting is Monday, January 25. We hope to see you there.

Regards,
Mayor Maher Maso

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Candidate filing begins February 8 for two city council seats

Frisco residents interested in running for Frisco City Council may file for a place on the May 2010 ballot, beginning Monday, February 8. The last day to file for Frisco City Council is Monday, March 8 at 5 p.m.

Two seats, including Places 2 and 4, will be open. All positions on the Frisco City Council are "at large" positions. Candidates must reside in the City of Frisco one year prior to filing.

Candidate "information packets" – which detail the minimum requirements for filing for office – are available to download online beginning February 1. Go to www.FriscoTexas.gov/elections for directions. Anyone interested in viewing a candidate packet will be required to fill out a basic online form first.

The candidate packet includes the official forms that must be printed, filled out, signed and returned to the City Secretary's Office by March 8 in order to officially file as a candidate for Frisco City Council.

Printed candidate packets will not be available to 'pick up' at City Hall this year; however, a limited number of copies will be available to read at the City Secretary's Office, 5th Floor, City Hall, George A. Purefoy Municipal Complex, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd. Candidate packets are available to view between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For additional information, please contact the Office of the City Secretary at (972) 292-5020, or go online to <http://FriscoTexas.gov/elections>.

Next Town Hall meeting Monday, January 25

Want to be "in the know" about the latest projects happening in the City of Frisco? Then City Hall is the place to be Monday night January 25 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Come join Mayor Maher Maso and the Frisco City

Council for the first Town Hall meeting of 2010.

Among the topics of discuss, current and future road projects and improvements, important programs available to citizens, and local efforts for the 2010

Census.

Residents attending will also get to take home a green Frisco-branded tote bag in honor of the launch of the city's new green living Web site. Come see us January 25 to learn more!

Clear the Clutter Before Valentine's Day; Next 'Chunk Your Junk' Event Set for February 13



Still looking for that perfect Valentine's Day present? Why not give the gift of a clean garage and a green environment. The winter Chunk Your Junk event will be held on Saturday, February 13, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The address is the Environmental Collection Center, 6616 Walnut St.

Entry will be from south-bound First Street only. Other entries to the facility will be closed. For directions to the location, call 972-292-5900, or go online to FriscoTexas.gov/recycle to view a map of the drop-off route.

The following items can be brought for safe disposal, recycling, or donation. In order to reduce idling time, the items are listed in the



order which they can be unloaded at the event. Please load your vehicle accordingly.

- Documents for shredding
- Cardboard
- Metal and appliances*
- Yard waste, limbs, and untreated wood for mulching
- Fencing
- Styrofoam and other trash
- Household chemicals, paint, gasoline, oil, batteries, pesticides
- Computers, printers, cell phones, other e-waste
- Old clothes, furniture, books, etc. for donation

The city will accept one television per household, per visit at no charge. Televisions must have a 36 inch screen or smaller to be accepted. There

is no cost to residents, but you must show your current driver's license with a Frisco address as well as a copy of your current water bill to prove residency.

In fact, a driver's license and current water bill are required for all chemical, electronic and appliance items dropped off. *There is also a \$40 charge for all appliances and items requiring Freon extraction. That fee will be applied to your next utility bill.

A free paper shredding service will be provided. A four box limit per household will be accepted, with sizes not to exceed 12"W x 15.5" L x 10.5" H. No commercial accounts will be accepted.

Large crowds are expected so please come early. The line will be cut off at 11:30 a.m. to ensure all residents already waiting are serviced.

How to be Waterwise in 2010

Making your home and water-use habits "Waterwise" this year is pretty simple. Sign up to receive free weekly emails from Frisco's Water Education Team. Every week we provide watering recommendations, based on data collected from Frisco's weather station, to help you keep a healthier landscape year round.

From a free water-saving showerhead to a free sprinkler system check-up, the Waterwise emails will focus on a simple task you can take up to accomplish any level of water efficiency in Frisco. Signing up is free and easy. Visit www.friscotexas.gov/water.

Spring into Action with the Daylight Saving Time change in March. Remember to adjust the settings of your sprinkler system according to the annual restrictions for spring and summer.

Citizens are encouraged sign up for a free sprinkler system checkup for help and to report water waste. Go online to www.friscotexas.gov/water or contact us at 972-292-5800 for more information.

SPRING & SUMMER SCHEDULE (DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME)

Using a Sprinkler System	2 Days/Week Recommended
Time-of-Day Restrictions	Watering prohibited from 5am – 8am & from 10am – 6pm
Hand Watering, Soaker Hoses, & Drip/Bubbler Systems	Allowed on any day, any time
Watering During Precipitation, Temperatures Below 40 F	Not permitted

Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to www.friscotexas.gov/projectupdate.

1 City Hall Parking Garage

Scope: Construction of a 5-story parking structure to accommodate 574 cars. Design was completed in August 2009. Bids were opened in September 2009. Utilities crossing the existing parking lot are being relocated. Construction began in December 2009 and is expected to be completed in 12 months. More info online: FriscoTexas.gov/garage CONSTRUCTION

2 Frisco Square Blvd. Railroad Crossing

Scope: Construction of Frisco Square Blvd across the railroad tracks from Cook Street to West Main Street. Project began in September 2008. BNSF Railroad crews completed the railroad crossing in late July. The project has been completed, final accepted and opened to traffic. CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

3 Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - Preston) w/ overpass

Scope: Construction of three northern lanes and a third lane on the south side for a six lane divided roadway with median and an overpass at the BNSF Railroad. Tiseo Paving began construction in July 2009. Currently, the contractor is lime stabilizing the subgrade and constructing the bridge over the BNSF railroad tracks. Estimated completion of construction is late 2010. CONSTRUCTION

4 FM 2934/Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - FM 423)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. TxDOT opened bids in February 2008. Construction began September 2008. All lanes were opened to traffic in September 2009. The contractor is currently completing the traffic signals and clean up prior to TxDOT acceptance of the project. Construction completed in December 2009. CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

5 FM 3537/Main Improvements (Custer-Preston)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. TxDOT's engineer is currently revising plans. The project is anticipated to begin ROW acquisition in Early 2010, Utility adjustments will begin after completion of ROW acquisition. Advertisement for bids should begin in summer 2010. Anticipated construction time is 24 months. DESIGN

6 FM 423 Improvements (Stewart Creek - Eldorado) Middle Section

Scope: Replace existing two lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. TxDOT bid this project on August 11, 2009. Austin Bridge and Road was low bidder. Construction will begin in early 2010 and is estimated to require 24 months to complete. PRE-CONSTRUCTION

7 FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado - US 380) North Section

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median, including streetlights and traffic signals. Dannenbaum has submitted 95% plans for review by TxDOT and City staff. TxDOT will open bids for this project in summer 2010 or upon completion of ROW acquisition and utility relocation. Construction is estimated to require 24 months to complete. DESIGN

8 Dogwood Street & Meadow Lane (Main - McKinney)

Scope: Reconstruct Meadow Lane & Dogwood Street with concrete surface and curb and gutter. Construction began in January 2009. Construction was completed in August 2009. CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

9 FM 2478/Custer Rd (Stonebridge - US 380)

Scope: Widen existing two lane asphalt roadway to six lane concrete divided roadway. TxDOT opened bids on January 13, 2009. Low bidder was Mario Sinacola and Sons Excavating. Contractor is currently constructing the Wilson Creek Bridge for the future north bound lanes. Construction began in August 2009 and is estimated to take 26 months to complete. CONSTRUCTION

10 Stonebrook Pkwy (DNT to Preston Rd)

Scope: Install 36 inch waterline, reconstruct west-bound lanes to widen roadway to 6 lanes. Design is approximately 90% complete. Design is expected to be completed in early 2010. Construction is estimated to take 14 months to complete. DESIGN

11 SH 289/Preston Rd (Main - US 380)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway to replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway. TxDOT opened bids in October 2008. Franchise utilities are currently relocating utilities. Mario Sinacola and Sons began construction began in August 2009. The contractor is constructing the bridges at Panther Creek and Parvin Branch. Estimated date for construction to be completed is in late 2011. CONSTRUCTION

12 Stonebrook Pkwy (Legacy - Longhorn)

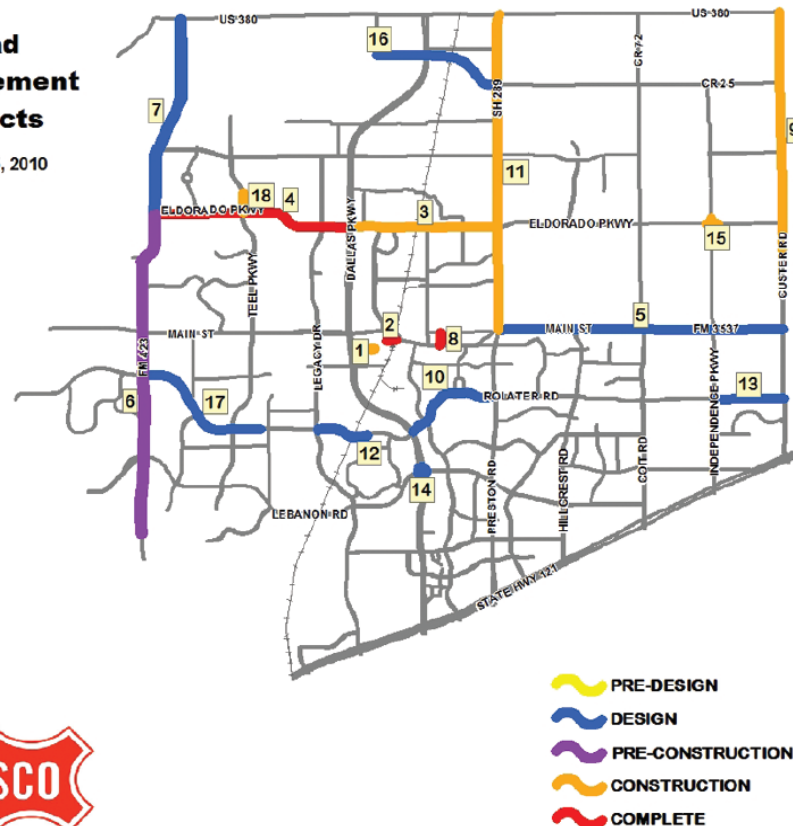
Scope: Construct four lane roadway with an underpass at the BNSF RR, a railroad shoofly and a bridge at Stewart Creek. Project includes federal wetland, permits, & environmental coordination with Corps of Engineers. Design is 95% complete. Estimated start of construction is summer 2010. DESIGN

13 Rolater Road (Independence - Custer)

Scope: Construct two east

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bound lanes to provide 4 lane roadway including bridge over Rowlett Creek. Design is 90% complete. Construction expected to begin in Spring 2010 and will take 8 months to complete. DESIGN

14 Lebanon & DNT Intersection Improvements

Scope: Construction of additional lanes of traffic for Lebanon to accommodate the NTTA bridge widening. This project will increase the lanes on the EB and WB approaches to the tollway. Design by Kimley-Horn is approximately 95% complete. Construction is expected to begin in 2010 and take 7 months to complete. DESIGN

15 Eldorado/Independence Intersection Improvements

The project includes permanent traffic signals at Eldorado and Independence; a median opening for Fire Station No.5, a

westbound to northbound right turn lane on Eldorado to Independence, and two additional lanes to connect existing portions of pavement for east-bound Eldorado traffic. Council awarded construction contract in March 2009. Concrete paving was completed in July. Contractor is working on clean up items and a median opening to the fire station. The project is expected to be closed out in early 2010 prior to opening of new high school. CONSTRUCTION

16 Rockhill (Virginia Pkwy) (CR26 - Preston)

Scope: Construct 6 lane roadway including a bridge over BNSF Railroad from County Road 26 to Preston Road. Design, by Kimley-Horn, is 60% complete and expected to be completed in fall of 2010. Construction will begin when funding for the project is available. DESIGN

17 Stonebrook Parkway (FM 423 to 4th Army Memorial)

Scope: Construct a 4 lane roadway between FM 423 and Teel and widen from 2 lanes to 4 lanes from Teel to 4th Army Memorial Drive. Design is being done by Huitt Zollars. Design is 90% complete and expected to be completed in early 2010. Construction should be completed by spring 2011. DESIGN

18 Teel Parkway (Eldorado Parkway to Freestone)

Scope: Construct the two northbound lanes to complete the 4 lane roadway. Project includes lighting, irrigation and landscaping from Eldorado to Panther Creek Parkway. Bids were opened on September 17, 2009 with Mario Sinacola and Sons Excavating being the low bidder. Construction began in November 2009 and is expected to be completed in Summer 2010. CONSTRUCTION



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Frisco Police recruiting for Citizen's Police Academy

The Frisco Police Department is once again accepting applications for the highly successful and popular Citizen's Police Academy (CPA), which begins March 25. Each year, the police department hosts a spring and fall session of the CPA and receives rave reviews from graduates of the program.

"It's not uncommon to see family members of CPA graduates come through the program," said Sergeant Adam Henderson, Frisco Police spokesperson. "Once they hear how much fun it is and that they get to do a lot of hands-on things like shoot real police weapons and ride in squad cars during mock pursuits, they quickly run to our Web site to download an application."

The spring 2010 CPA will be the department's 27th time to host the 10-week program. The police department boasts since the introduction of the CPA program in 1997, a total of 448 people have graduated from the program. It is not surprising that with the popularity of the program, the police department has had to waive the 20 student limit on its class size in order to allow more people to participate each year.

"The CPA lets people come and see the police department, interact with our officers, and become part of our community," noted Officer Glynda Covington, the liaison officer for the Citizen's Police Academy and member of the department's Community Services Division. The quest for knowledge and interest in the City of Frisco are common reasons why people participate in the CPA. Graduates are able to ride-along with officers on-shift and sit in the jail facility during its operation for one of their shifts.

Chief Todd Renshaw recognizes the importance of the program which is one of the many reasons why he spends the entire first night of class presenting information on the department, talking one-on-one with students, and even showing them around the police department headquarters building. "Not only does Chief Renshaw value the program and like to spend time with the class participants, but Mayor Maso and city council members routinely stop by and visit with everyone," said Henderson.

Those interested in the 27th Class of the Frisco Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy can go to the police department's Web site at www.FriscoTexas.gov/Police and click on the "Frisco CPA" link to learn more. Also on the Web site is a downloadable application form for the program.

Interested participants must be at least 18-years-old, live or work within the City of Frisco, and meet other eligibility requirements listed on the Web site. Classes are held every Thursday evening and one Saturday morning for 10 weeks. Graduates are able to join the CPA alumni association and can apply for a position as a volunteer with the department's Citizens on Patrol (COP) program upon completion of the program.

CPR Classes

Learn how to save a life in 2010. The Frisco Fire Department offers cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes twice each month free of charge to Frisco residents and those who work in Frisco. Fire Department personnel certified as CPR instructors by the American Heart Association provide instruction on CPR techniques for infants, children and adults, as well as how to administer assistance to some-

one who is choking.

The four-hour classes are typically held the first and third Wednesday of each month. Class size is limited to 20 participants. Available 2010 dates are, March 3 and 17. Class size is limited to 20 participants.

First Aid Classes

The Frisco Fire Department also offers American Heart Association Heartsaver first aid courses as com-

panion courses to CPR training. These classes provide a general background in simple first aid concepts and are free of charge to Frisco residents and those employed in the Frisco community. Classes are limited to 30 participants. Frisco Fire is registering people for April 10 and June 12.

Those interested in CPR and first aid classes should call Central Fire Station at 972-292-6300 to make reservations.

Citizen's Fire Academy Class No. 25 now accepting applications

The Frisco Fire Department is now accepting applications for the Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA) Class No. 25 starting March 25, 2010. CFA classes provide the community with information about the operation and organization of the Frisco Fire Department. The academy is open to those 18 and older who live or work within the City of Frisco. This nine-week program meets on Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

CFA classes cover several fire duties including fire ground operations, emergency medical servic-

es, arson investigation and fire safety education. In addition to the classroom lessons taught by Frisco Fire personnel, CFA participants will have many opportunities for hands-on activities, including fire extinguisher training, the use of powerful rescue tools during an extrication demonstration, going inside a burning building while dressed in bunker gear and riding with Frisco Fire personnel as they respond to actual emergency calls.

Community Emergency Response Team Class No. 17 now accepting applications

The Frisco Fire Department is

now accepting applications for Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class No. 17 which starts March 29, 2010. CERT classes train citizens to give critical support to first responders in emergencies and provide assistance in the event of a major disaster.

The program is open to people, age 18 or older, who either live or work within the City of Frisco. During classes, citizens study a variety of disaster topics such as medical operations, severe weather, infection control, team organization, light search and rescue and many others.

The program wraps up with a disaster scenario where team

members must respond effectively and proficiently using the skills they have learned in their CERT classes. As well, the newly acquired skills CERT team members learn during their training will also have an impact on their everyday safety and preparedness in and around their home and families.

This nine-week program meets on Thursday nights from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Applications for the CERT and CFA programs are available for download at FriscoFire.com or can be picked up at any Frisco Fire station. For more information, contact the Frisco Fire Department at 972-292-6300 during normal business hours.

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Go Behind the Scenes of Your City Government with City Hall 101

Go back to government class for an insider's view into how your city government operates. City Hall 101 is a great way to boost your knowledge about what happens behind the scenes at City Hall and Frisco's other municipal facilities. The next City Hall 101 class runs from February 15 through May 10, 2010.

Meet Mayor Maher Maso, Frisco City Council members and city managers. See how the hometown heroes of the Frisco Fire and Police Departments operate. Hear what it takes to build roads and to plan for Frisco's future growth. These and many more topics are covered during the 12-week program which runs on Monday evenings from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The initial "kick off" session on February 15 will be held at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.; however, the locations of Monday night sessions will change to correspond with the department being discussed.

City Hall 101 is open to residents 18 and older. Class size is limited. Registration forms are available for download on the city's Web site, FriscoTexas.gov. From the home page click on the 'Project/Programs' tab and then select 'City Hall 101' from the drop-down menu. The schedule for class topics and locations is also listed online. For more information email CityHall101@friscotexas.gov or contact Daniel Ford at 972-292-5542.

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS Frisco Citizens on Patrol (COPs)

Become a part of a highly organized group of volunteers. COPs assist Frisco police detecting and deterring crime through a non-confrontational "eyes" and "ears" approach.



Applicants must be 21-years-old or older, live or work in Frisco, have a valid driver's license, and agree to a criminal background check. Deadline to apply is February 20.



www.FriscoCOPS.org
or email: applicant@FriscoCOPS.org
INFORMATIONAL OPEN HOUSE

February 3 • 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Frisco Police Department - 7200 Stonebrook Pkwy.

Spring Frisco Fun Guide Available Now

The spring edition of the Frisco Fun Activity Guide will be available online beginning Monday, January 25, at FriscoFun.org. The guide will be available for pick-up beginning January 29 at any of the following locations: Frisco Athletic Center, City Hall and Library, Frisco Chamber of Commerce and the Parks & Recreation Administration Building.

The spring guide contains classes and activities that

will keep kids busy during Spring Break and throughout the season. You'll also find information on upcoming special events such as the Daddy Daughter Dance, Easter Eggstravaganza, Trick-A-Trout Kid Fish, and more!

Registration for spring classes begins February 1 for Frisco Athletic Center members and February 3 for all others. Registration is available online at FriscoFun.org, by mail or in-

person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane, during regular hours of business.

The Frisco Fun activity guide contains information on classes, programs and leagues offered through the Parks & Recreation Department. Visit

FriscoFun.org to keep up with the latest news and happenings in the Parks & Recreation Department.



New Lego™ Club at Frisco Public Library to Explore Non-fiction Fun

Attention LEGO™ lovers! Frisco Public Library will soon launch the Blockheads LEGOS™ Club aimed at children in third, fourth and fifth grades. Each month, participants will build their minds with an educational and fun nonfiction topic while they construct related creations on that theme. The Blockheads Club begins January 28 with the exploration of architecture and skyscrapers.

The club will meet the fourth Thursday of most months at 4:00 p.m. in the Children's Program Room on the second floor of the library. For a full schedule of the Blockheads LEGO™ Club, go online to FriscoLibrary.com.



Coming next month

The 18th Annual Easter Eggstravaganza is set for the morning of Saturday, March 20. Save the date, and then look for complete details about the event in the March edition of Focal Point. Expect thousands of eggs to be up for grabs!

HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

January 25

- Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Department, 7:30 p.m.

January 26

- Heritage Assoc of Frisco Meeting, 6455 Page St., 7:00 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

January 27

- Board of Adjustments Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.
- Urban Forestry Board Meeting, 6726 Walnut St., 6:30 p.m.

January 28

- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown St., Wylie TX, 4:00 pm
- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Board Room, 6:45 p.m.

February 1

- Public Art Board Meeting, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

February 2

- Downtown Advisory Board Meeting, 5th Floor Conference Rm, 12 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

February 9

- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

February 10

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m. (Meeting time change for January and February meeting only)

February 11

- Parks & Recreation Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

February 16

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

February 18

- Arts of Collin County (ACC), City of Allen, 4 p.m.
- Community Development Corporation Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

February 22

- Town Hall Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.
- Economic Development Corporation Meeting, 6801 Gaylord Parkway, Suite 200, 6 p.m.
- Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Dept., 7:30 p.m.

February 23

- Heritage Assoc of Frisco Meeting, 6455 Page St., 7 p.m.
- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

February 24

- Urban Forestry Board Meeting, 6726 Walnut St., 6:30 p.m.
- Board of Adjustments Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

February 25

- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown St., Wylie TX 4:00 p.m.
- Frisco Public Library Foundation Board Meeting, Library Board Room, 6:45 p.m.

14th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance

Don't be late for this very important date! The City of Frisco's 14th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance will have daddies and their little girls dancing into the pages of a classic children's story. 'Alice in Wonderland' is the theme of this year's dance, which happens Saturday, February 6. Join Alice, the Mad Hatter, TweedleDee and TweedleDum and many other characters for one of four dance times offered this year in the ballroom of the Frisco Conference Center, located at 7600 John Q. Hammons Dr.

(next to the Dr Pepper Arena).

The corresponding ages for each dance time are recommendations only, not restrictions. Tickets are \$12 per person, and there are no refunds, exchanges or ticket replacements. Tickets may be purchased for any of the dance times; however, daddies and daughters will only be allowed entrance during the time slot for which they bought a ticket. Each dance participant must have a ticket.

Tickets are limited; and if available, will be sold onsite at the event.

To purchase a ticket online you must have a login ID and password from the City of Frisco Parks and Recreation Department. Go online to FriscoFun.org and click on the "eFun Registration" link located under the Classes and Programs tab. Follow the instructions for 'Retrieving Your Password & Login ID' if you are a Frisco Athletic Center member, or click on 'Requesting a New Account' if you are not already registered. Frisco Athletic Center members or those who have registered for

a Parks and Recreation Department program or class may already have a login and password. New online accounts may take up to 24 hours to activate.

Walk-in ticket sales may be purchased at the Frisco Athletic Center (5828 Nancy Jane Ln.) Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., while they last. All tickets purchased online must be picked up at the Frisco Athletic Center by 9 p.m. on Friday, February 5.

Light refreshments will be served at each dance. Music will be provided by the Motivator DJ. Innovative Images will be at the dance to capture this

Theme: 'Alice in Wonderland'
Saturday, February 6 - Frisco Conference Center
Tickets on Sale Now!

DANCE SCHEDULE

2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. – ages 4 to 5
4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. – ages 6 to 7
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – ages 8 to 9
8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. – ages 10 to 12



memory for daddies and daughters from 1:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. A portrait package is available for \$22.

Payment in cash or check is due at the time of the event.

Free parking is limited at the Embassy Suites Hotel & Frisco Conference Center. A free shuttle service will be provided from Dr Pepper Ballpark.

Valet service will be available for \$8 per vehicle. For more information on the event, please go online to FriscoFun.org.



Catch some fun at the annual Trick-A-Trout Kid Fish



February 13
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Frisco Commons Park

Grab the fishing poles and tackle box and join us for a morning of free fishing and family fun at the annual Trick-a-Trout Kid Fish on Saturday, February 13. The Frisco Parks & Recreation Department will be releasing more than 2,800 Rainbow Trout into the pond at Frisco Commons Park, located at

8000 McKinney Road.

This event is open to kids only from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. After this time fishing is open to the general public. Those attending must bring their own bait, tackle and stringer. Anyone younger than 17 does not need a license to fish. The daily limit each person is allowed to catch and keep is five fish.

For more information about Trick-a-Trout, please visit the Parks & Recreation Web site at **FriscoFun.org** or call 972-292-6500.